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KHALIFATUL MASIH ARRIVES IN U.S.A ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1980

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A LIVING SIGN OF A LIVING GOD

Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Mashi III, the Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam arrives in San Francisco on September 11, 1980. Insha Allah.

A LIFE SKETCH

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih, Third Caliph of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (peace be on him) and august Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, was born in 1909 at Qadian, India. Early in life he learnt the Holy Quran by heart and was educated at Qadian, Lahore and Oxford. Before election to his exalted office, he worked as Principal Jamia Ahmadiyya (Missionary College), Principal T. I. College, an affiliate of the Punjab University, and as a member of the Punjab University Senate, Academic Council and various other committees. He also headed the Central Anjuman Ahmadiyya (the main executive of the Ahmadiyya Community), Khuddamul Ahmadiyya (Youth Organization), and Ansarullah (Organization of Elders).

Scholar, sportsman, thinker, educator, and leader, he keeps himself busy with the community's spiritual, moral and educational programmes which have multiplied manifold since his election as Third Caliph of the Promised Messiah in 1965. An early riser, his daily work starts immediately after dawn and keeps him busy till late in the night. He himself attends to his daily mail which keeps pouring in from all over the world. He is the promised grandson of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement. His election as Caliph fulfills a prophecy of the Talmud which mentions "the throne of the Messiah descending to his grandson."

The dynamic head of a dynamic missionary movement with centres all over the globe and with hospitals, schools and colleges in Africa and elsewhere, he

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PROPHECIES ABOUT KHALIFATUL MASIH III AND HIS CHALLENGES

As a reference to tradition not only assists the new leader in his claims to leadership but also increases faith in those whose prophecies he comes to fulfill, a few prophecies made by the past prophets and sages regarding Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III, the Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, are given which have been remarkably fulfilled in his person:

It was long prophesied in the Talmud: "IT IS ALSO SAID THAT HE [the Messiah] SHALL DIE AND HIS KINGDOM DESCEND TO HIS SON AND GRANDSON" (Talmud, London, 1878, Chap. 5, p. 37).

It was further confirmed by the Promised Messiah when on receiving the revelation INNAA NOBASHIROKA BEGHULAAMIN NAAFILATALLAKA—We give thee glad tidings of a boy who would be your grandson—he said: "It could be interpreted that Mahmud might have a son, as grandson is also called "NAFILA" or these glad tidings may be for another time" (Badar 5th April 1906).

Even before the birth of Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Khalifatul Masih III, his father Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II was given glad tidings which he wrote in a letter on 26th September 1909 as follows:

> God the Exalted has disclosed to me too that he will bless me with a son who would be a NASIR (Helper) of the Faith and would be ever prepared for the service of Islam.

CHALLENGES REPEATED

This man of the prophecies, touring Europe in 1967, repeated the Challenges of the Promised Messiah, the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, thrown to the Christians regarding the supremacy of the teachings of Islam mentioned in the Holy Quran. While discussing with a deputation of the Danish Missionary Society and Christian Orientalists, who paid him a visit at Copenhagen, Denmark, Khalifatul Masih III said: "The Promised Messiah claims that both old and new testaments are no match for the Holy Quran. The scriptures put together cannot even compete with the very first chapter of the Holy Quran, containing seven verses."

The Promised Messiah said: "I would pay a considerable amount to any Christian priest who could produce something from his scriptures better than the Sura Fatiha. The decision to this effect would be taken by three non-Muslim judges."

Again, the Promised Messiah said, the basic principles and teachings of the Holy Quran are full of wisdom and truth. Those who believe otherwise should at least point out a few of the major objections.

"If we fail to give satisfactory answers to their allegations or at least did not prove that the teachings of their religion are far more inferior and devoid of truth as compared with that of Islam, we undertake to pay the penalty.

"In case our opponents fail in their attempt of proving the superiority of their ideals and teachings, they will have no option but to accept Islam."

The discussion with the Christians lasted for one and a half hours.

ISLAM ALONE COMMUNICATES MAN WITH GOD

In a press conference at the Atlantic Hotel at Hamburg, West Germany, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III declared that the sign of true religion is that its followers should have communion with God the Exalted—as this is the object of religion—that it should communicate with God, hence a religion that has no connection with God can not be a true religion. We claim, he continued, that in this age, this sign can only be witnessed in Islam and it is Islam alone that communicates man with God.

In corroboration of his claim, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III reiterated the fundamental challenge of the acceptance of prayer presented to the world by the Promised Messiah, that the followers of different religions should select a number of patients and these should be divided among the delegates of each religion who should pray only to God for the recovery of his share; and I do claim that the patients of my lot would be cured more in number than those of the others, Khalifatul Masih concluded.

HE WARNED THE WORLD

Besides, it was in this press conference at Hamburg that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III announced that in accordance with the signs described by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) and the pronouncements of the Promised Messiah, he concluded that within a period of three decades a great calamity will visit this world and destroy it. Only those persons will survive who have a real connection with God and afterwards Islam will prevail in the whole world including Russia and the U.S.A.

DUEL IN PRAYER

Again at a reception at Frankfurt, West Germany, replying the welcome address, this very man of prophecies, the Third Successor to the Promised Messiah, declared that the God of Islam is the only living God and the Promised Messiah the great son of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessing of God be upon him) is the manifestation of the Living God and His Living sign, and he as a successor to the Promised Messiah challenges that if a Christian claims that his God is the living God then he should duel with him in respect of the acceptance of prayer and get a great reward in case he wins. The godly man of such calibre is coming to the U.S.A.

A LIVING SIGN OF A LIVING GOD

KHALIFATUL MASIH IN THE EYES OF AN OBSERVER

The late Maulvi Muhammad Yaqub Khan, editor of the *Light English Weekly* of the Lahore group of secessionaries, visited Khalifatul Masih III and recorded in a letter to *Alfazl* (Rabwah) his impressions:

"At the instance of a gentleman very close to me, I made up my mind to avail myself of a meeting with the Imam (leader) of the Rabwah Ahmadiyya Community. Accordingly I set forth one day. I learned that the Hazrat was putting up at the Rest House in Bourbon, a suburb of Murree. We made straight for the place seeking guidance on the way about the route. When the Hazrat received the intimation, he came out of his chamber. As I espied him coming, at the sight of his bright face, I had the feeling as if the moon of the spiritual firmament had risen on the horizon. At the same time, I felt an urge to congratulate my Ahmadi friends of Rabwah Community on the Divine gift to them of such a highly-placed leader. In order to carry out the wish, I could not think of a better channel than craving the hospitality of the columns of *Alfazl* and it is through its favour that I am writing these few lines.

"Thank God that the plant of the Ahmadiyyat is still bearing fruit and is turning out such personalities as a single glimpse of them fills a man's heart with the light of faith. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) had great expectations of his children that they would play a tremendous role in the progress and expansion of the Movement. Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad is certainly one in whom these expectations are finding fulfillment, and I firmly believe that by the grace of God, during his Khilafat, the Ahmadiyya Movement will gain great ascendency. The man of contemporary age is in search of a living God and a look at the face of Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad gives one the feeling that a living God is there.

"My sentiment that lies behind these lines is to extend to the Ahmadiyya Community my congratulation on Allah's gift to them, through His grace and mercy, of such a leader whose person is far above any hypocrisy. I have seen many religious leaders who devote six days of the seven-day week to make up of their cloaks, headwear and beards. Here I found, in total reverse, utter simplicity, the soul of the true spiritual life. Make-up and synthetic touches were wholly absent from around his person. It is therefore that a glimpse of his face alone can infuse the light of faith in a man. The Hazrat told me the questions people put to him during the course of his European tour and he also told me his answers to them. But I believe that the secret of the success of his tour lay in his own personality. The people of Europe are astute face readers. A countenance radiating so much tranquility and so much holiness that I have seen in the face of the Hazrat is in itself the most effective message to Europe."

Muhammad Yaqub, June 29, 1968.

The publication of the above letter created feelings of dismay and anger in the Lahore group—dismay because one of their top men had expressed renewal of faith in the Promise that the Promised Messiah had foreseen through Divine light in his children and their children . . . anger because their own right-hand man had so suddenly brought home to them the tragedy of disparity between their "cultured" beliefs and the historic content that the Rabwah stand represented in its original shape, purity and extent.

Maulvi Muhammad Yaqub Khan, in another letter, addressed to the editor of *Alfazl*, disposes of the criticisms leveled at him. It reads:

"My statement appearing in your esteemed journal giving my impressions of my meeting with Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad has created a wave of sorrow and anger in the circles of the Lahore Community and I am being pressed from all directions to make a clarification. The word clarification used in this connection means "contradiction." Some of my friends have even suggested a "reasonable" explanation—that I had been forced by some friendly people or had succumbed to some influence. In order to meet this demand, I am sending this statement:

"I want to make it known that the statement I had written, rather dictated, was not made under any external influence or pressure in any manner and my personal impression was that a Divine controlling power had made me write that declaration.

"From Lahore circles a voice had arisen calling for my dismissal from service. All I want to say in answer to it is that, even if I were removed (from service), the impression engraved on my heart cannot be effaced.

"I had no exchange with the Hazrat in regard to beliefs. My beliefs are the same as they were. There has been, however, the addition that every one of the progeny of the Promised Messiah is a Sign of Allah and the heavenly blessings he had brought have passed on in heritage to his children. The illumined and tranquil face that Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad has is also due to the fact of his being of the progeny of the Hazrat (Promised Messiah) and the Hazrat's (Promised Messiah's) Prayer about his generations, 'May they be full of foliage and fruit and may they be friends of Allah,' is finding its fulfillment to the very letter."

Note: Maulvi Muhammad Yaqub took the pledge of Initiation at the hands of Khalifatul Masih III before his demise—Editor.

THREE PROJECTS INITIATED BY KHALIFATUL MASIH III

FAZLI UMAR FOUNDATION

From the beginning of his Khilafat Khalifatul Masih III has given proof of great zeal and drive in the pursuit of the objectives of the Movement. One of the very first projects that he initiated was the setting up of the Fazl-i-Umar Foundation in memory of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, the purpose of which was to push forward all the designs in which the late Khalifatul Masih had taken particular interest. It was made clear that the Foundation would not take over or intervene in the exercise of any function that had been allotted to any of the existing institutions or departments of the Movement, though it could be called upon to render aid or assistance in carrying out any project which the department concerned was unable to put through for lack of adequate personnel or resources. An appeal was made to the Community to provide two and a half million rupees as the capital of the proposed Foundation, the income of which would be utilized by the Foundation for the achievement of its purposes. The Community responded readily to the appeal and provided over two million rupees in cash contributions to serve as the capital of the Foundation. This was a gratifying indication that the spirit of devotion and sacrifice that had inspired the Community under Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II had not only survived the shattering shock of his death, but had in effect been stimulated by the consciousness that a heavier burden of responsibility now rested on the shoulders of every member of the Movement.

As soon as the Foundation was set up it began to occupy itself with the study and formulation of such projects as were designed to forward the purposes for which the Foundation had been set up. For instance, it initiated a project for the purpose of stimulating the intellectual capacities of those members of the Movement who were interested in scholastic pursuits. It announced that it would make five awards every year of the value of one thousand rupees to each scholar who would prepare and submit to the Foundation a thesis on any of the diverse intellectual topics specified by the Foundation, which in the estimation of the Foundation gave proof of high intellectual endeavour. The response to this initiative of the Foundation has been encouraging but has not been as enthusiastic as it had been hoped. The Foundation is continuing the project and expects that in the course of time the standard and number of theses submitted to it every year will continue to rise.

With the development of Rabwah as the Headquarters of the Movement, the need of an adequate library to which the intellectual sections of the Community could have free access had been felt. But the Sadar Anjuman Ahmadiyya had not been able to make financial provision for the housing of such a library and providing the necessary cognate facilities. The Foundation came forward with the offer that it would undertake the construction of the building and other facilities pertaining to the library on some suitable site to be provided by the Anjuman. The offer of the foundation was accepted, the building was erected and on completion was handed over to the Sadar Anjuman.

As a result of the opening of new Missions of the Movement and the proliferation of its branches across the globe, the number of members of the Movement in foreign countries visiting Rabwah in all seasons of the year, but more particularly on the occasion of the Annual Conference in the last week of December, has grown every year. The Tahrik Jadeed had built a modest guest house simultaneously with the construction of its offices which was maintained in good condition, but the accommodation provided therein was limited and soon became inadequate for the demands made upon it. Thus the need was felt of a much larger hostel for foreign visitors which should be fitt with all the facilities to which they were accustomed at home. Again the Foundation came forward with the offer to construct such a hostel on the scale and to the specifications that would meet the need that had arisen. Its offer was accepted by the Tahrik Jadeed and the project went forward. It was successfully and satisfactorily completed at more than twice the cost originally estimated. The hostel was then taken over by Tahrik Jadeed.

The Foundation has published the first volume of the addresses delivered by Khalifatul Masih II. Other volumes will follow in due course. An authoritative biography of him has been taken in hand, of which the first three volumes have been published.

NUSRAT JAHAN SCHEME

In April and May, 1970, Khalifatul Masih III visited Nigeria, Ghana, the Ivory Coast, Liberia, Gambia and Sierra Leone, in that order, to check up on the activities of the Missions of the Movement in those countries and to make an appraisal of the opportunities of further progress. At the end of h visit to those countries of West Afr he arrived in London and, in an address to the Community in a meeting in which all the branches of the Movement in

ritain were represented, gave a brief account of the impressions he had gathered in the West African countries that he had visited, and stressed the great need of pressing forward in West Africa. He announced a scheme that he had conceived under Divine direction, of expanding the activities of the Movement in West Africa through the establishment of a substantial number of schools and hospitals which were the great need of the people of West Africa. He mentioned that the programme that he had in mind for the next three years would require an outlay of one hundred thousand pounds sterling and called upon the Community to furnish a substantial portion of that amount as early as possible so that there should be no delay in launching the programme. The Community in Britain responded with promises of fifty-one thousand pounds, of which eleven thousand pounds were contributed within ten days. The total amount pledged by the Community for the Nusrat Jehan Scheme as the programme was named, far exceeded the hundred thousand pounds which was the original target. But this was only the financial requirement. Teachers, physicians and surgeons were needed for the schools and hospitals that were to be set up in West Africa. The response of the Community in that respect also proved quite adequate.

The success achieved by all the institutions that were set up in pursuance of the scheme was most gratifying. The efforts of the devoted physicians and surgeons to bring relief and healing to the suffering people within the range of their activities were often blessed with a degree of fulfillment that was almost miraculous. By the end of 1972 sixteen new hospitals and thirteen new secondary schools had been opened and were in full operation. The success of the medical centres was so remarkable that in many instances they became self-multiplying. In deserving cases relief was administered free, and yet the income from several of the centres not only enabled the need of suitable buildings and necessary equipment to be met but the surplus helped to establish new health centres in areas where their need was most urgent. In this manner the scheme has so multiplied itself since its initiation in 1970 that by now the financial outlay alone has exceeded a quarter of a million pounds at a modest estimate. The schools also are doing very good work and are being steadily multiplied.

Altogether the success achieved by the Nusrat Jahan Scheme has been most encouraging and gratifying and the Movement is now accepted in the countries concerned as an extremely beneficent dispensation.

The Nusrat Jahan Scheme limited originally to three years has by now become permanent, and it is expected that its activities will soon begin to be expanded into the neighbouring countries of West Africa.

AHMADIYYA CENTENNIAL JUBILEE SCHEME

The Movement was formally initiated in March 1889 and will complete its first century in March 1989. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II had directed that the centenary of the Movement should be celebrated with great *eclat*. In view of this direction Khalifatul Masih III decided to make an announcement concerning the celebration of the centenary of the Movement in the Annual Conference of 1973, in which he enumerated a number of projects which he had in mind in connection with the centenary. These projects include, among others, the building of mosques in different parts of the world; the publication of the translations of the Holy Quran in French, Russian, Italian, Spanish and other languages; publication of the philosphy of the teachings of the Quran in suitable brochures in one hundred languages; opening new Missions of the Movement in countries where no Mission is at present established; the setting up of a large printing press at the Headquarters of the Movement; the establishment of a broadasting station in some country of West Africa where permission for such a station might be forthcoming. It is contemplated that some form of celebration would be launched as a token in March 1989 to be continued during the rest of the year to its culmination in the Annual Conference of that year. The Khalifatul Masih called upon the Community to pledge the amount of twenty-five million rupees to finance the projects and the celebration of the centenary. He suggested that as sixteen years intervened between his announcement and the culmination of the celebrations at the end of 1989, every contributor to the Centenary Fund should pay up one-sixteenth of the amount of his contribution every year. As by the grace of God the Community is expanding daily, and a certain proportion of its youth joins the ranks of workers in gainful employment every year, it is expected that the target of financial contributions aimed at when the announcement was first made would be more than doubled by the end of 1989.

In the meantime some of the projects included in the centenary programme have already been put in hand and are being proceeded with. One of them was completed in August 1976. This is a beautiful mosque built on an eminence in the city of Gothenburg which serves as a beacon of spiritual light for miles around. The opening ceremony was performed by Khalifatul Masih III and attracted a large concourse of people from all over Europe. There is a large Community of Ahmadi Muslims in Gothenburg, the membership of which was enlarged by several people joining the Movement on the occasion of the opening of the mosque.

In the Jalsa Salana (Annual Gathering) of 1979, Khalifatul Masih III himself mentioned the various blessings of Allah, the Exalted, that he bestowed upon the Ahmadiyya Community due to the Centennial Ahmadiyya Jubilee Fund:

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LAJNA IMAULLAH

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN ISLAMIC REGENERATION

In his address to the 16th Annual Ijtimaa of Lajna Imaullah (Central) held on November 3, 1973, at Rabwah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III exhorted Ahmadi Womenfolk to work side by side with their men for the regeneration of Islam. He also gave them the glad tidings that women can have the love of God as good as men. The following is an English abridgement of that address by Nur-ud-Din Muneer, M.A.

Pegging his address on the Quranic verse:

> Whoso acts righteously, whether male or female, and is a believer, We will surely grant him a pure life, and We will surely bestow on such their reward according to the best of their works.
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> (16:98)

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said:

"According to Islam the blessings of God are not a prerogative of men only. Women equally share it. The doors of earning God's love are open to both men and women. Whosoever would forsake selfish desires and seek His love and Mercy will be blessed by it. A woman will stand equal to man in this respect and may even surpass some of them in attaining nearness to her Creator.

The period of time which we have entered now holds a special significance. A great event, greater than which is inconceivable, has taken place. The Promised Messiah and Mahdi has been raised and he has appeared among us. He has come in fulfillment of the glad tidings given by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) and he has come to usher a new era of the glory of Islam. He will gather the whole mankind in the fold of Islam and congregate them as one family under the flag of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him). This revolution which will turn the whole humanity into one Brotherhood of Islam, is to be brought about by the Promised Mahdi, and this is the greatest event of this age.

The advent of the Promised Mahdi is a great event in this sense, that Islam will now be revived. Islam had touched the lowest ebb of its fortune. It had decayed and declined and anti-Islamic forces had utterly demolished it. The West had done away with it by its thousands of objections and made it look savage and detestable. The Promised Messiah has told us that the number of objections leveled against it by Christians alone comes to 3,000. The objections raised by the Jews, Hindus, Atheists, and polytheists defy counting. Doubtlessly it was a tragic moment for Islam. Its very survival was in jeopardy. The Christians, its inveterate enemies were confident that its days were numbered and that its extinction was only a matter of time. They were openly declaring that it will be wiped out of India so completely that not a single Muslim will be seen in it. They were boasting conquering Africa also and finally of hoisting the flag of the cross on the holy cities of Mecca and Medina.

But the Promised Messiah and Mahdi dashed their hopes to the ground. He refuted their criticisms conclusively and provided us with guidelines for confuting every kind of objection against Islam. So he saved it from destruction.

God Almighty invested him with all that knowledge which was necessary on the one hand for the defense of Islam and on the other for resolving the problems facing mankind and for removing the tension gripping them at the moment. Islam is not in need of sword or atom bombs for its conquests. Islam wins the hearts with love and affection and with these weapons alone it will even now overcome the whole world. The Promised Messiah raised a community to carry on his work after him. That community is you. So it is your responsibility now to win humanity for Islam with love and affection and with the force of arguments which the Promised Mahdi has furnished in support of its truth.

This responsibility rests equally with Ahmadi men and Ahmadi women. The Quranic verse which I recited in the beginning holds them both responsible. So this battle for the supremacy of Islam has to be fought by both men and women and none of them can be exempted. Then this battle has to be fought on two fronts. Externally, Ahmadis have to present a true picture of Islam to all non-Muslims and so to draw them to its fold. Internally, they have to reform themselves and their children so that their conduct conforms to the teachings of Islam. This battle shall go on to the end of time. We have to carry it patiently and perseveringly and keep a steady watch on both the fronts . . . Every husband should see that his wife is valiantly fighting on both the fronts and every wife should see to it that her husband is also waging this war courageously. The parents should watch their children and guide them in absorbing Islamic teachings and in adopting its ways of conduct. Lajna has also to play its part in the materialization of this scheme. It should keep its branches awake and carry them forward in the march of progress. Lajna is on the whole doing good work but it should exert itself to do better.

I am a humble servant of God. God Almighty has made me a successor of the Promised Mahdi. In this capacity, I have to follow his injunctions and make the whole Jamaat also to do the same. The work entrusted to the Promised Mahdi is very great and its realization requires Herculean efforts. The Promised Mahdi was wont to take brisk strides in the accomplishment of work and he expected his followers to keep pace with him. He had declared that whosoever was unable to do so

might leave him. The same choice I tend to you. If anybody among you is unable to exert properly for the glory of Islam, he may leave me. Why should he behave hypocritically. A hypocrite, according to the Holy Quran, will be thrown in the lowest and darkest regions of hell. The last and a crucial battle is being fought with Satan. He has mobilized all his resources against Islam and is dealing it a death blow. We must all realise the gravity of the situation. All our organizations like Ansarullah, Khuddamul, Ahmadiyya, Atfalul Ahmadiyya and Lajna Imaullah must have a correct appraisal of the danger at present posed to Islam. They all must gird up their loins and repel the attack forcefully.

I must warn the Lajna again about their duties and responsibilities. As I said in the beginning they are equally responsible for regenerating Islam. They have to fight in this battle shoulder to shoulder with their men. If they become idle, they will be taken to task. I must say to them also that whoever among them fears that she is unable to carry on this struggle properly, she may get out of the community instead of keeping in it as a hypocrite. God Almighty may strengthen you and enable you to offer adequate sacrifices in the cause of Islam. Womenfolk constitute nearly one-half of the strength of our community. If they behave paralytically our work will suffer an irreparable loss. You should, therefore, realise that the glory of Islam is at stake and you have to redeem it.

In the recent tour of Europe I had an opportunity to meet with people and to sense their trends. Some of the press reporters who interviewed me were wondering about the paucity of our missionaries and mission houses in Europe. They said that it was inappropriate with our claim of Islamising the whole of Europe. I told them that we were watching the changes which were occurring in the continent and the moment we found that the ground was set, we would send say, one thousand missionaries to Switzerland alone. But let the right time come.

This shows how Europe is thinking about us. But I may tell you that the right time may come very soon. We may have to send thousands of missionaries to the Western nations. The question is whether we are ready to do so. Please ponder on it and try to rise to the occasion. When the time comes, we should be ready to meet it squarely. God Almighty may enable you to do so.

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lieves that the emancipation of mankind lies in return to the One and Only God and His Message. Elected for life, he is the voice articulate of the age and is in direct communion with God.

During his visit to Europe in 1967, he warned the West that the world was fast heading towards an unprecedented catastrophe. Unless the West pauses in its craze for physical power and material domination, it was bound to destroy itself as foretold by the Holy Quran and earlier Scriptures. A great champion of freedom and brotherhood of man, he is opposed to want and injustice at all levels of human existence. True Islam alone, according to him, can solve the current social, economic and other problems of the world.

He has one wife, two daughters and three sons.

THREE PROJECTS

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- Construction of a mosque and a mission house in Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Holding an International Conference in London on "Breaking of Cross" and delivering the message of Truth to millions of people.
- Construction of a mosque and mission house in Srinagar, Kashmir, where Jesus lies buried.
- Purchase of a building for a mission house and land for a mosque in Norway.
- Purchase of land for a mosque in Spain and the granting of permission by the government to construct a mosque.
- Distribution of the Holy Quran and Islamic literature on a grand scale.
- Establishing a system to meet the rights of students.

THE PROMISE OF GOD

It is the promise of God that if we offer sacrifice to the extent of our strength, He Himself would make up the difference that lies between our capacity and that of our need. Therefore, it is our responsibility to continue struggling as best as we can for the dissemination of the Holy Quran and the preaching of Islam.

Khalifatul Masih III

KEY TO PARADISE:

The Daily Prayer, and the key to the Daily Prayer is purification (ablution). (Hadis)

KHALIFATUL MASIH'S MESSAGE TO ATAFALUL AHMADIYYA

Dear Children,

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatohu.

God the Almighty has decreed that He would give Islam a sweeping victory over all religions; and a time was sure to come when nations of the world would flock under the banner of Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him). Our Forgiving and Merciful God has laid the responsibility of accomplishing this on the shoulders of Ahmadiyya Community. You are our offspring, as you will grow up, you will have to uphold the responsibility of propagation of Islam and training of Nations. It is, therefore, essential for you to learn and infuse your hearts with a fire of love for God and for His Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him). To accomplish this purpose, the organization of 'Atfalul Ahmadiyya' has been established. I hope you would continue to take active part in its programs.

May Allah help you in this. Ameen.

Mirza Nasir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih

TWO PREDICTIONS OF MUSLIHI MAUOOD KHALIFATUL MASIH II

Hazrat Muslihi Mauood Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II said:

1. Through the Grace of God the Exalted, the time of our Jamaat's progress is also at hand, and the days are not far when the people in droves shall enter in this Movement. Communities of various countries shall enter this fold, and that age is fast approaching when the villages and cities shall totally embrace Ahmadiyyat. . . .

Behold, I am a man, and the one who would succeed me shall also be a man and it is in his time that these victories shall be achieved. He alone cannot teach all. You would be their teachers. Hence, you yourselves should learn now so that you can teach them. God the Exalted has decreed that you shall be made the professors of the world. There-fore, it is very essential for you to study yourselves to become the teachers of the coming ones.

(*Anwaari* Khilafat, pp. 110-116, by Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II)

2. Whenever the election of the next Khalifa takes place and whosoever is duly elected, I wish to give him glad tidings that God shall favor him with support and whosoever opposes him, may he be a great man or a small, shall face humiliation and ignominy and is bound to accost ruin and disgrace; because the next Khalifa shall indeed walk in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and in the footsteps of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), and shall uphold and establish the institution of the Islamic Khilafat. Therefore, I give glad tidings to him now who shall be elected the third successor in my place, that even if the governments of this world oppose him those shall be shattered into pieces."

(Khilfat-i-Haqqa Islamiyya by Hazrat Muslihi Mauood Khalifatul Masih II pp. 17-18)

REVELATIONS OF KHALIFATUL MASIH III

In Arabic Language:

1. BUSHRA LAKUM—Glad tidings for you.
2. YA DAOODO INNAA JA'AL-NAAKA KHALIFATAN FIL ARDHI—O David, we have made thee a vicegerant in the earth.
3. WASSI'A MAKAANAKA—Expand thy home.
4. INNAA KAFAINAAKAL MUSTAHZIEEN—We will surely suffice thee against those who mock.

In Urdu language:

1. JAANO MAALO AABROO HAZIR HEIN TAIREE RAAH MAIN —Life, wealth and honour are ready to be sacrifised in Thy path.
2. TISHNAH ROOHON KO PILA ADO SHARBATI WASLO BA —Saturate the thirsty souls with the nectar of union and life.

In Punjaabee language:

1. EINAN DANGA KE RAH HA-'ENGA—Give you so abundantly that you will be satisfied.

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